



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 31, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Grave and Adagio”
“Allegro maestoso e vivace”
(Sonata II)

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

ACOLYTE VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenore Williams

Leader: People of God, let us praise God together. Let us turn to God with our whole hearts, that we might witness the greatness of God’s works.

People: **We gather to learn more about God’s ways, to see how God’s power has changed the world and changes our lives.**

Leader: May God’s mercy, justice, grace and might transform our hearts and heal our world.

People: **Let us praise God together!**

HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!****¡Alaben a Dios! ¡Aleluya!****In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!****Praise God! Alleluia!****HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 111

David Carl

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

HYMN #181

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

EBENEZER

"Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One.**"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun."****At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,****While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.****Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:****Tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,****Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,****Guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.****Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart.****Speak your word that when we hear it all our demons shall depart.****Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.****By the power of your healing make us faithful, true, and whole.****GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Schoenewolf

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

"New Beginnings: Open to Transformation"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #820** (*sung 3 times*)

NADA TE TURBE

"Nothing Can Trouble"**Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.****Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kathryn Ophardt

SPECIAL MUSIC

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Civilla Martin/Charles Gabriel

Todd Farwell and Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloists*

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #755

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
May our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
Awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Fugue (Sonata II)"

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy



**PARTICIPANTS
IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching:	The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy David Carl Kathryn Ophardt Lenore Williams
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/ Music Director</i> Todd Farwell, <i>Cantor/Soloist</i> Denise Sheffey-Powell, <i>Cantor/Soloist</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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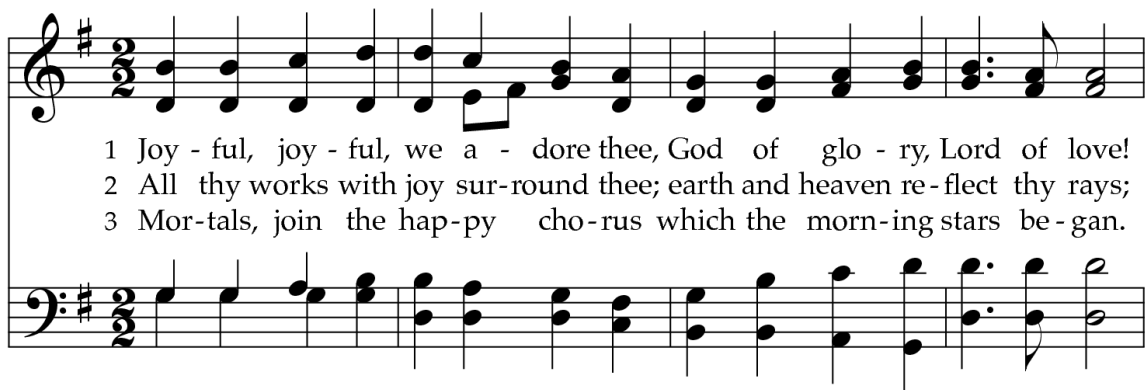
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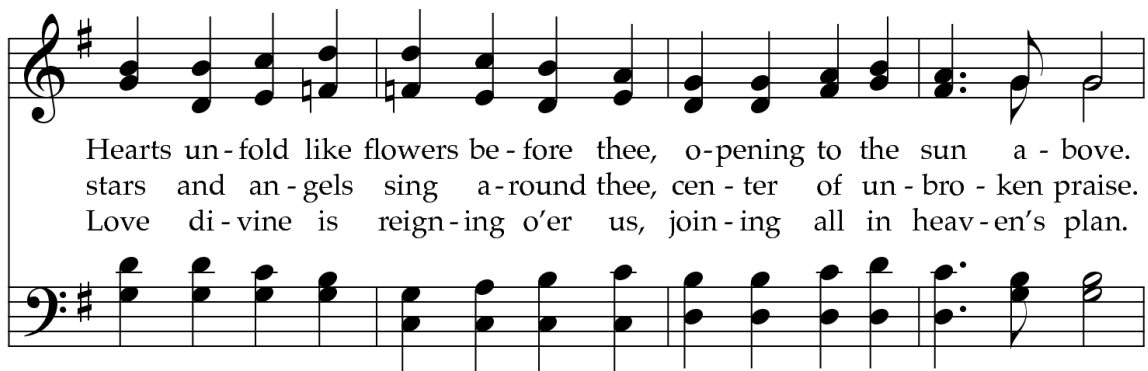
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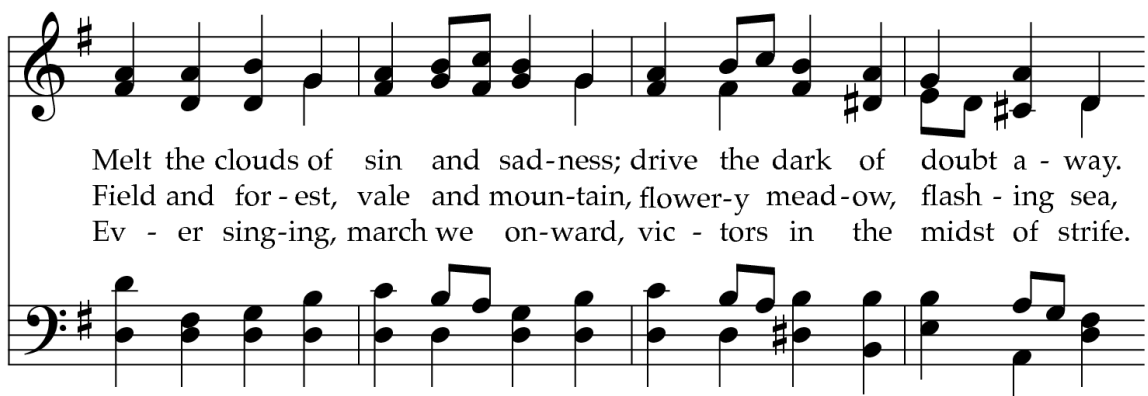
JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



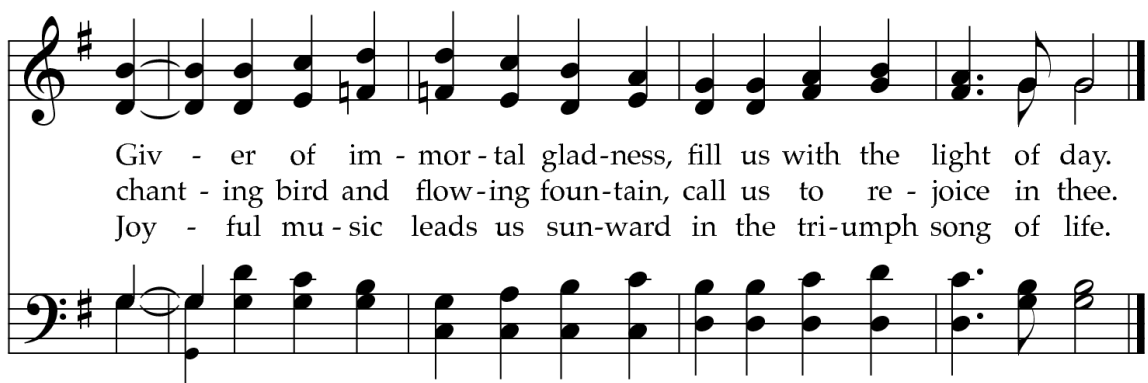
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

NOTHING CAN TROUBLE *(sung 3 times)*

Nada te turbe

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

This meditative refrain from Taizé is based on a saying attributed to Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing trouble you; let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community: Spanish, 1986; English, 1995

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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NADA TE TURBE

Irregular

SILENCE! FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT

1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

Based on Mark 1:21–28/Luke 4:31–37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

At Christ's voice the de-mon trem-bled, from its vic-tim
 doubts that stir the heart to pan-ic, fears dis-tort-ing
 Clear our thought and calm our feel-ing; still the frac-tured,

mad-ly rushed, while the crowd that was as-
 rea-son's sight, guilt that makes our lov-ing
 war-ring soul. By the pow-er of your

sem-bled stood in won-der, stunned, and hushed.
 fran-tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 heal-ing make us faith-ful, true, and whole.

ALLELUIA! LAUD AND BLESSING



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-swears to our deep-est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;



may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe-some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.